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desk, Mr. President.....Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB997, the amendments, the title has been read. An amendment offered by Senator Carpenter has been adopted and an amendment offered by someone else has been adopted. Senator Marvel.....Mr. President, there's an amendment offered by Senator Carpenter that's pending, it's found on page 968 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Is this the one applying to the Secretary of State? Is that the one we were discussing?

CLERK: Increasing by \$50,000 a sum for the General Fund, I can't....

SENATOR CARPENTER: \$50,000? If I may have the attention of the Body, when we left the consideration of this bill the other day, we had pending before us an amendment which would authorize \$50,000 (I can't help it)(Is this thing on or not?)....Mr. President, we had before us the other day an amendment which would appropriate \$50,000 to Mr. Beermann who is the Secretary of State in order to further implement and enforce the branding as well as the problem they have in the area of stealing of cattle. I suggested to those that had a prime interest, by that I mean the people in the cattle business itself that they contact the Secretary of State and get from him what further information I would not be able to give them. Partly as a result of that, I have a statement from the Secretary which indicates that the amount of \$50,000 is well within the area of acceptability so far as he's concerned. And he believes with this money he can go a long ways in doing what he hasn't been able to do before because of lack of funds. Now, if there's no further discussion on this.....

PRESIDENT: There is further discussion, Senator Stahmer and then Senator Keyes, will you turn off your lights, in that order. Do you want on it, Senator Stull? All right, I'll put you on the list. Senator Stahmer. He skipped. Senator Keyes. Skip, sorry, all right Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I went over and talked to....went over to talk to Allan Beermann and I found out that he was in Alliance attending a brand committee and so I called him the other evening and he told me they had discussed this and I would like to report just one thing. That they can actually justify this additional \$50,000 because there's some things that we've passed here in the Legislature has increased our cost and then things that has happened in the federal government. I would just like to mention a few of those. Health insurance, Blue Cross, new plan will cost them an additional \$11,000, the postage increase, and social security and then the increase in mileage. So they can justify this. But the Brand Committee wanted it understood, they've always paid their cost out of their fees and they're not taking any....not making any recommendation either way on this proposal. They certainly can justify it but they still want to be on record not asking for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Turn off your light while you're doing it. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Stull several questions, please. Senator Stull, how much